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SUBJ: HEIKAL ON OIL AS POLITICAL WEAPON

REF: PARIS 20762 (NOTAL)

1. IN YET ANOTHER INTERVIEW DURING CURRENT PARIS VISIT, AL  
AHAM EDITOR HEIKAL HAS REITERATED HIS VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE  
OF LIBY-EGYPT UNION AND ON MODERATION OF LIBYAN LEAD-  
ER QADHAFI. INTERVIEW APPEARING IN AUGUST 6-12 ISSUE OF  
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FRENCH WEEKLY L'EXPRESS DIFFERS FROM INTERVIEWS REPORTED

REFTEL IN ITS COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE USE OF PETROLEUM AS WEAPON IN ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTE. ACCORDING TO HEIKAL, TALK ABOUT USING PETROLEUM RESOURCES HAS REMAINED WAR OF WORDS, BUT ONE DAY OIL WILL BE REAL WEAPON. HEIKAL STATES THAT ARAB SUMMIT WILL SOON BE CALLED TO DISCUSS OIL ISSUE. TWO NEW ELEMENTS HAVE ENTERED PICTURE, HE SAYS, DEMAND FOR PETROLEUM NOW SUPERIOR TO PRODUCTION AND PAYMENT FOR OIL BEING MADE NOT IN DOLLARS CONVERTIBLE INTO GOLD BUT IN DEVALUED PAPER. HEIKAL QUOTES KING FEISAL AS HAVING OBSERVED THAT PETROLEUM KEPT UNDERGROUND IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN DEPOSITS IN CHASE MANHATTAN BANK. QUESTION, HEIKAL ASKS, IS HOW TO USE NEW WEAPON AS INTELLIGENTLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. COMMENT: HEIKAL, WHO IS AN ADEPT WARRIOR IN ANY WAR OF WORDS, DOES NOT INDICATE HOW ARABS MAY BE CONSIDERING USING PETROLEUM WEAPON, THOUGH HIS QUOTE FROM FEISAL IMPLIES SOME FORM OF PRODUCTION LIMITATION. IN ANY EVENT, HIS REMARKS WOULD SEEM TO BE PART OF WAR OF NERVES ON SUBJECT CURRENTLY BUILDING UP IN ARAB WORLD.

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